

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4448
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BAN ON TOXIC WASTES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have recently banned import of toxic waste used for recycling and dumping in the country by the affluent waste;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether studies carried out by the Government of Singapore at Alang scrap yards show gross metallic contamination which explains the heavy health problems and death for the workers and families who live amongst the ship wreck operations; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

- (a) & (b) As per the Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989, amended 2000, no toxic wastes are allowed to be imported into the country for dumping or recycling. Import of recyclable wastes listed in List B (Annexure IX) of the Basel Convention are, however, permitted for recycling on a case to case basis to units registered with the Ministry of Environment & Forests.
- (c) According to the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) and Ministry of Steel, no such studies carried out by the Government of Singapore at Alang Scrap yards, have been brought to the notice of the Government.
- (d) Does not arise.